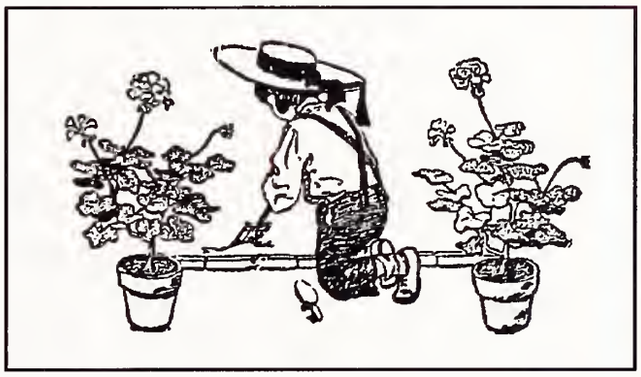
San Francisco

BAY AREA BACKYARDS

SECRET GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 18, 2002
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Stroll through private residential gardens. As you meander through our selected hidden spots in The City, stop to enjoy musical interludes and docent comments. The tour begins in Presidio Heights at the corner of Jackson & Maple Streets, San Francisco and continues through the neighborhood. (Street parking available.)



Tickets prices are $15.00 per person before May 1, 2002, after that, $20.00 per person, and include light refreshments between 2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. in one of the enchanting gardens.

All proceeds from the event benefit The Victorian Alliance, a not-for-profit San Francisco Preservation Organization founded in 1972.

Tickets are limited—Reserve Early!
Please use the order form below.
For additional information call (415) 826-1437

Name: _____

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Number of Advance Tickets _____ @ $15.00 each (until May 1, 2002) = $ _____

After May 1, 2002, please purchase tickets at event.

Please send this form, payment (checks only), and a ***stamped, self-addressed envelope*** *to:*

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SECRET MAP
TO BAY AREA BACK YARDS

Welcome to the second garden tour benefiting the Victorian Alliance. We hope you enjoy your stroll around these city gardens and find the afternoon both relaxing and inspiring.

1. 3660 Jackson St. (north side): The starting point of the tour zigzags you into an exquisite French garden with winding paths, a spiritual focal point and a glorious rose garden. The landscape architect is Nick Nicolaus. Next, head west on Jackson to the corner of Jackson and Maple.

2. 34 Maple St. (north side of Jackson): Only a few doors west, this soothing, old fashioned garden was designed by Robyn Pope. It features both shade plants and a colorful array of roses. An ornamental fountain is the centerpiece. (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS HERE, 2:30 to 4:30.)

When leaving this garden, still headed west, notice the median strip on Maple, also designed by Robyn Pope. This gift to the street by the owners of 34 Maple is an urban sanctuary with a Mediterranean feel inviting the pedestrian to meditate a bit around a cobblestone medallion.

3. 3712 Jackson St. (north side): This newly planted, serene classical garden, was designed by Elizabeth Everdell, to block out the noise and visual distractions of the city.

4. 3756 Jackson St. (north side): A regal terraced garden featuring hills in a variety of cascading lavender flowers.

5. 3855 Jackson St. (south side): Notice the espaliered apple trees in the front and the kid-friendly lawned garden in the rear. Next head west to Arguello Boulevard, turn left on Arguello, cross the street and you are in the circular community of Presidio Terrace. The first house on the right is

6. 1 Presidio Terrace: An English cottage garden rich in texture and color. Climbing roses and flowers tumbling over rocks winds you around the back to a small fountain. Designed by Cenita Fairbanks, and more recently by Elizabeth Everdell. When leaving head towards

7. 5 Presidio Terrace: A book on Presidio Terrace is available here for historians with a San Francisco interest. This multileveled, peaceful garden is highlighted by a koi pond. Very relaxing, but don't go to sleep here. Go across the street to

8. *34 Presidio Terrace*: Beautifully manicured, classical garden with roses encircling the home. When you leave this garden, the shortest route back to Arguello Boulevard is back to the right.

WHILE YOU'RE AROUND, DON'T MISS

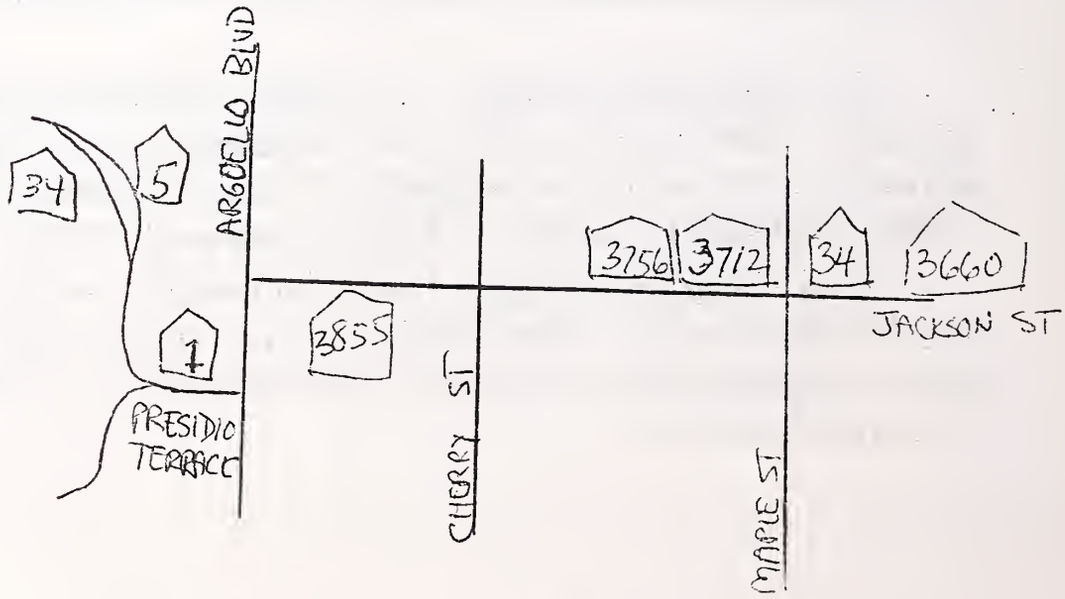
Presidio Terrace: Although not the *entire* Presidio Terrace neighborhood is participating in the tour, it would be hard to walk into this sanctuary and not take a peek. A book on the history of these few homes has been made available to us by a generous donor and will be available during the tour should you desire to buy one.

The Presidio: To the north of Jackson Street is The Presidio. The U.S. Army occupied this beautiful property until recently, but it is now a park that should be explored - today might be as good a day as any.

The Presidio Golf Course: At the end of Presidio Boulevard, a turn to the left will lead to this old golf course that was once a combination military and private club with a members-only clubhouse located in Presidio Terrace. Operations have been taken over by The Arnold Palmer Company in recent years and the course is at least as beautiful as it has ever been - some claim it is even better. If you want to check out the pro shop and restaurant inside the new clubhouse, go to the end of Arguello Boulevard and bear right to reach the new parking lot and the front door.

Do's

Please hold you children's hands.
Refrain from taking photographs.
Leave strollers outside of the gardens when you enter.

Don'ts

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